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1. DURING MARCH 3 DISCUSSION ON OTHER MATTERS, INDIAN EMBASSY DCM (VENKATESWARAN) TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON THAT GOI BELIEVES BANGLADESH MAY RAISE FARAKKA AT UN WATER RESOURCES CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN ARGENTINA IN MID-MARCH. HE SAID GOI APPRECIATES U.S. POSITION THAT FARAKKA PROBLEM SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BILATERALLY RATHER THAN MULTILATERALLY AND HOPES U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE FULLY BRIEFED ON THAT POSITION. VENKATESWARAN SAID THAT INDIAN FONSEC MEHTA WILL BE GOING TO ARGENTINA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. ATHERTON ASSURED THE INDIANS THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION WOULD BE BRIEFED ON THE PROBLEM. CHRISTOPHE

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